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2010 SOUTH CAROLINA FARM NUMBERS UNCHANGED FROM 2009

The number of farms in **SOUTH CAROLINA** in 2010 is estimated at 27,000, unchanged from 2009, the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office announced today. Total land in farms for 2010 is 4.90 million acres, unchanged from 2009. The average size of farms in 2010 was 181 acres, unchanged from 2009. Farms with \$100,000 or more in sales totaled 2,200 in 2010, up 10 percent from 2009 and accounting for 8.1 percent of all farms.

The number of farms in the **UNITED STATES** in 2010 is estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2009. Total land in farms, at 920.0 million acres, increased 100 thousand acres from 2009. The average farm size is 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year. However, average farm sizes declined in some of the sales classes partially due to smaller farms moving up to higher sales classes.

NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND AVERAGE SIZE, SOUTH CAROLINA, 2005 – 2010 ^{1/}

YEAR	SOUTH CAROLINA		
	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size Farms
	- Number -	- Thou. Acres -	- Acres -
2005	24,500	4,870	199
2006	24,600	4,890	199
2007	25,900	4,900	189
2008	26,900	4,900	182
2009	27,000	4,900	181
2010 ^{2/}	27,000	4,900	181

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. 2/ Preliminary.